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GENESIS

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A DREAM IS
FORMED OF
HUNGER AND
HATEFULNESS.
TANGIBLE.
DELTAR

YOUNG WAS BORN
IN THE GHETTO.

THEN GROW STRONG
THROUGH MILITARY AND
POLITICAL SERVICE.

THE DREAM
WAS ALWAYS
OF POWER.

A VERY COSTLY
AMBITION.

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BUT THAT DREAM IS NOT
YOURS ALONE SO THE
BODY COUNT IS HIGH

AND RISING

IT BEGAN AS A
JUMOR, WHISPERED
BY A DRUNKEN LOOT.

BUT JEDDOH OF ITS
REALITY CONTINUED
TO MOUNT.

SO ONLY THE
PIECES BEGAN
TO FALL INTO
PLACE.

THEN GENERAL
ZAXXON STUMBLED
ONTO THE TRAIL.

CHALLA!

WHERE
IS HE?



I KNOW, THE
LURE IS QUITE
IRRESISTIBLE.

YOU'RE IN AN
APPETITE THAT CAN
NEVER BE SATISFIED.

IT IS YOUR GREAT-
EST WEAKNESS AND
STRENGTH.

IT IS WHY I
DRAWE YOU!

I DESIRE THE
MEMORIES.

THIS TEMPTATION
WAKES ANY RISK
WORTH TAKING.

THE DIVISION OF
PLANETS YOU
HAMMERED INTO
EXISTENCE HAS
LOST ALL MEAN-
ING. HAVEN'T IT?

WHY BE SATISFIED
WITH A FRACTION
WHEN THE ALL IS
WITHIN REACH?

SO I TEMPTED
MANY.



BUT I ALWAYS
KNEW YOU
WOULD BE THE
ONE

IT IS MORE FORTUNATE
THAT CHALLA IS AT YOUR
SIDE, TARSUS DELTA.



FOR SHE IS
AS WITCHLESS
AS YOU.

AND BEING
EVEN MORE
DEADLY.



TARSUS,
MY LUCKY!

ARE
YOU...?

ALIVE!

BUT IN
SORRY NEED
OF A STRONG
ARM.



GET ME
TO THE MOUNTAIN
WOMAN...

WHILE I CAN
STILL REMEMBER THE
SECRET CHART.

RAPO
= 72

YEA, MOUTH THE
MEANINGLESS WOMAN I
LEFT FOR YOU TO FIND

IT IS ALL
PART OF
THE
MYTHOS.

STEP THROUGH THE
DOORWAY AND SAYON THE
END OF YOUR QUEST.

TO YOU IT IS
THE OMNIPOTENT
STONE OF
ETERNITY.

OTHERS KNEW
IT BY A HUND
NAMES.

WHATEVER YOU
CALL IT IS OF NO
IMPORTANCE.



IT IS BUT A
STONOL.



OF COURSE NEITHER YOU
NOR CHALLA KNOWS THIS.

THAT IS
WHO SHE
MUST...



BETRAY
YOU



JUST AS MURDEROUS
AS YOU.

AND FAR MORE
DEADLY.



BUT NOWHERE
NEAR AS CRAFTY.



I THOUGHT
I TAUGHT YOU
BETTER,
WOMAN.

NO...



YOU RUN ON SOME-
ONE. MAKE SURE YOU
KILL THEM.



ESPECIALLY
IF YOU HAVE AN
EXPLOSIVE
IMPLANT IN
YOUR SKULL.



ARE THERE
ANY RESERVE
TANKS
LEFT?

I DOUBT IT.

FOR YOUR MINDS
EYE IS FILLED WITH
VICTORY.

THE POWER
IS YOURS



FORGOTTEN IS THE
DIRTY BLOOD, BARRIED
PROMISES AND OTHER
BART STUFF.



ALL YOU NEED TO DO
IS REACH OUT AND THE
POWER IS YOURS



BUT INSTEAD YOU
DISCOVER WHAT A
TRULY REAL PLAN
BUILT IS.





AND WHOLE!

HOW?

THROUGH MEANS FAR BEYOND YOUR MEAGER COMPREHENSION.

WHAT?





MY NAMES ARE LESION.

SO TO RICH COME...

...YOU MAY CALL ME
**THE
NEM-CELESS!**

HE HOWEVER,
TARGUS DELTA.

FOR YOU I HAVE
SEARCHED AND
WAITED MANY A
MILLENNIUM

WHY?

WHY?

BECAUSE YOU ARE
DESIGNED TO CHANGE
THE UNIVERSE.



YES...

...I
ALWAYS
KNEW...





REBELLY
OPENED THE
PAST.

LOST YOUR
FORMER LIVES.

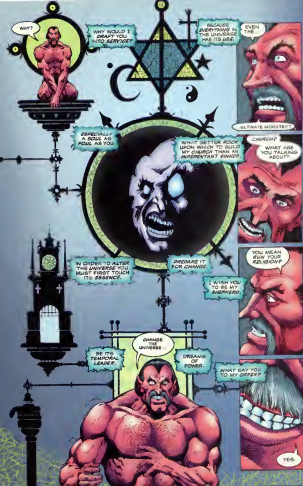
FORGIVE THE
BUTCHER AND
CONQUEROR.

DEATH AND BURNING
WILL ALWAYS DRIFT
IN YOUR NAME.

LATHER OF BLOOD,
STAIN OF EARTH,
SARACEN THE BLACK!
THEY HAVE ALL BEEN
YOU.

YOU ARE A NIGHTMARE
OF GALACTIC AND HIS-
TORIC PROPORTIONS.

THE
ULTIMATE
ADAPTIVE



WHY?

WHY WOULD I DRAFT YOU INTO SERVICE?

BECAUSE EVERYONE IN THE LEAGUE HAS ITS USE.

EVEN THE

ULTIMATE ADJUSTER?

ESPECIALLY A BOSS AS AGILE AS YOU

WHAT BETTER ROOM UPON WHICH TO BUILD MY CHAIR THAN AN IMPERFECT MAN?

CHRONO?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IN ORDER TO ALTER THE UNIVERSE YOU MUST FIRST TOUCH ITS BEAT.

NEEDS IT FOR CHANGE.

YOU MEAN SEE YOUR RELATION?

I WISH YOU TO BE MY BARBER.

CHANGE THE UNIVERSE.

BE ITS TEMPORAL LEADER.

DREAMS OF POWER.

WHAT SAY YOU TO MY OFFER?

YES



THEN LET
THE PROCESS
BEGIN.

WE ARE NOW
TWO OF WHAT
SHOULD BE
THREE.



I AM THE POWER
AND THE PRISON.



YOU WILL BE
THE CRAWLING AND
THE DRIVE.

BUT A THIRD BEING
IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE
SOUL AND GRACE TO
THIS ENTERPRISE.

EVEN THOUGH THIS
THING HAS YET TO BE BORN,
YOU SHALL FIND IT.



THREE ?!

A
TRUTH.

IT WILL BE
YOUR FIRST
QUEST.

WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
TO ME
NOW?!

TAKING YOU BEYOND
WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN.



CHANGING YOU
INTO WHAT YOU
MUST BE.

FOR WE STRIVE
TO ALTER ALL
REALITY.

SUCH A TASK REQUIRES
FINELY TUNED TOOLS.



100 years later.

THE PLACE STARTED OFF AS PART OF AN ASTEROID MINING OPERATION. THAT'S HOW IT GOT THE NAME.

BUY ♥ **HARDCORE STATION**

JUST HAPPENED THAT THE SATELLITE WAS AT THE CROSSROADS OF FIVE MAJOR ZONM. MERCIAL DISTRICTS.

IT BECAME THE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS TO GET RICH.



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JUST HAPPENS THAT THE SATELLITE WAS AT THE CROSSROADS OF FIVE MAJOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

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HARDCORE NOW BOASTS OVER FIVE MILLION CITIZENS.

ENTERTAINERS INC. MAY OWN IT, BUT HARDCORE'S AFT TOWN.

BRI
CONTRACT
IT DOES
WORK





**HARDY NOW
BOASTS OVER 400
NEW CARS**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
BLACK COUNCILS, INC. 501
HARRISON BLVD. NEW YORK



MY NAME'S
MAXWELL
DEVELL.

BUT EVERYONE
CALLS ME
**CHIEF JUSTICE
MAX!**

I'M HARDCORE'S
HEAD OF SECURITY.

MINORAL,
NOT
CORPORATE

CHIEF
JUSTICE

WHAT'S
UP,
POLLY?

ADVANCING ON
PRODUCTION AND
CONTROL.



POLITICAL, RANDOM
OR MEDICAL?



LOOKS LIKE BODY
PART ENHANCEMENTS

MY
FAVORITE
TYPE OF
CREON.

MOVE
IT!

IT'S TOO
HEAT!





YEAH, I'M AFRAID OF THE
FACT MONKEY COULD DO THIS
JOB ANY BETTER THAN ME



WELL, MAYBE
I DO HAVE A
FEW SLEEPLESS
NIGHTS.

WHO
DOESN'T?



THERE'S
ALWAYS A
PRICE.

MAX TO
CENTRAL

"...TWO
CASUALTIES."

"TOWARD THE
ROCK, CHIEF?"

"JUST FIRE!
WATCHING THE
FACE WITH ME."

LOST FIRE
CONTROL OVER TO
PERCENTAGE AND
GROSS, LEVEL 5

WE GOT A DOWNED
PLAYER, BURNING. HOT
GOING TO PLAY WELL
WITH ROSE ROSE--

MAX, ARE YOU OUT
OF YOUR MIND?

IT'S OKAY,
DOLLY. HE'S
A JOKE.

THE BOY'S
GOT OTHER
THINGS ON
HIS MIND
BEHIND...

...LIFE AND HIS OWN
MORTALITY.

HE'LL
LEARN
SOON
ENOUGH

